



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

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## Commissioner Workshop Minutes August 24, 2023

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., a Commissioner Workshop for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) was held. The meeting was held at the Second Baptist Church, New Children's Building, Room 313, 6400 Woodway Dr., Houston, Texas, 77057.

Commissioners attending were Commissioners Jason Hester; Secretary Patricia Burruss; Constable Ron Hood; Sheriff Michael Griffis; Janna Atkins; and Martina Lemond Dixon.

TCOLE Executive staff attending included Interim Executive Director John Beauchamp; Credentialing, Education and Field Services Director Cullen Grissom; Information and Technology and Special Services Director Jessica Capraro; Enforcement Major T.J. Vineyard; Finance Director Brian Roth; and Government Relations Director Gretchen Grigsby.

### **Agenda item 1, Call to order.**

Commissioner Hester called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Welcoming remarks were made by Commissioner Hester.

### **Agenda item 2, Discuss and take action on subcommittee assignments.**

There was a brief discussion on subcommittee assignments and the delegation of evaluation tasks.

### **Agenda item 3, Discuss and take action on legislative items, including exceptional items and performance measures, data information provided by TCOLE staff, and updates from TCOLE divisions.**

Director Grigsby advised that, following the legislative session, TCOLE has now entered the implementation and rulemaking phase for bills taking effect September 1, 2023. The agency has been accepting applications for the three advisory committees as outlined in the TCOLE Sunset Bill (S.B. 1445, 88R). Once formed, the advisory committees will follow an aggressive timeline moving forward. TCOLE received approximately \$2 million in supplemental appropriations in the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session, allowing the agency to carry out the fleet vehicle acquisition, including 24 Tahoes, 2 Toyota Tundra pickup trucks,

one van, vehicle lights and sirens, as well as secure storage lockers, ballistic vests, rifles, and shotguns to equip TCOLE's commissioned personnel.

○ TCOLE Training Conference Report

A conference planning update regarding the 2023 TCOLE Training Conference was given by Director Grissom. Director Grissom advised that agency staff recently made a day trip to Corpus Christi for a conference venue site visit. TCOLE has expanded the exhibitor show for this year's conference with 90 exhibitor booths as well as vehicle displays. The agency will be providing a sponsored lunch on Tuesday this year for all attendees, in addition to the Monday night event with the exhibitors. The TCOLE Commission Meeting and conference opening ceremony will be held in the Selena Auditorium this year. TCOLE has worked with the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi to improve the logistics of the conference overall and reduce the venue and A/V costs.

There was a question from Commissioner Lemond Dixon regarding a new location for the 2024 TCOLE Training Conference. Director Roth advised that 2023 is the last year of TCOLE's current contract with the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi. Staff was directed by The Commission to explore other sites across the state for the conference to be held, maintaining Corpus Christi as an option.

**Agenda item 4, Discuss and take action on Advisory Committees.**

- Misconduct Investigation and Hiring Procedures
- Minimum Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies
- Examination of a Licensee

No action was taken.

**Agenda item 5, Discuss and take action on the 2023-24 Commission meeting dates and location, including Strategic Planning sessions.**

**October 23, 2023 Commission Meeting**

American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

**December 6, 2023 Commissioner Workshop**

**December 7, 2023 Commission Meeting**

San Antonio, Texas

**February 21, 2024 Commissioner Workshop**

**February 22, 2024 Commissioner Meeting**

Austin, Texas

**April 29, 2024 Commissioner Workshop**  
**April 30, 2024 Commission Meeting**  
Austin, Texas

**June 19, 2024 Commissioner Workshop**  
**June 20, 2024 Commission Meeting**  
Austin, Texas

**August 7, 2024 Commissioner Workshop**  
**August 8, 2024 Commission Meeting**  
El Paso, Texas

**October 2024 Commissioner Workshop**  
**October 2024 Commission Meeting**  
Corpus Christi, Texas

There was a discussion regarding an open meeting to be held on September 11 and 12, 2023 in Austin to conduct TCOLE Executive Director interviews. An open meeting notice will be posted by the agency in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The Commission intends to hold the interviews in executive session and then provide their recommendation.

**Agenda item 6, Discuss and take action on the process, procedure, and qualifications related to the selection of the next Executive Director, if necessary.**

August 31, 2023 at midnight is the closing date for Executive Director applications. Executive Director interviews will be held in Austin September 11 and 12, 2023. Commissioners were asked to submit their interview questions in advance. The agency's goal is to have a new Executive Director in place by the first week of October 2023.

**Agenda item 7, Executive Session to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and personnel issues, including evaluation of Executive Director's job performance and selection of Executive Director, pursuant to sections 551.071 and .074 of the Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act.**

The Commission did not go into executive session.

**Agenda item 8, Return from Executive Session to report and discuss further actions to be taken as a result of the Executive Session, if necessary.**

The Commission did not go into executive session.

**Agenda item 9, Receive public comment on any topic, without action.**

No public comments were made.

**Agenda item 10, Adjourn.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.